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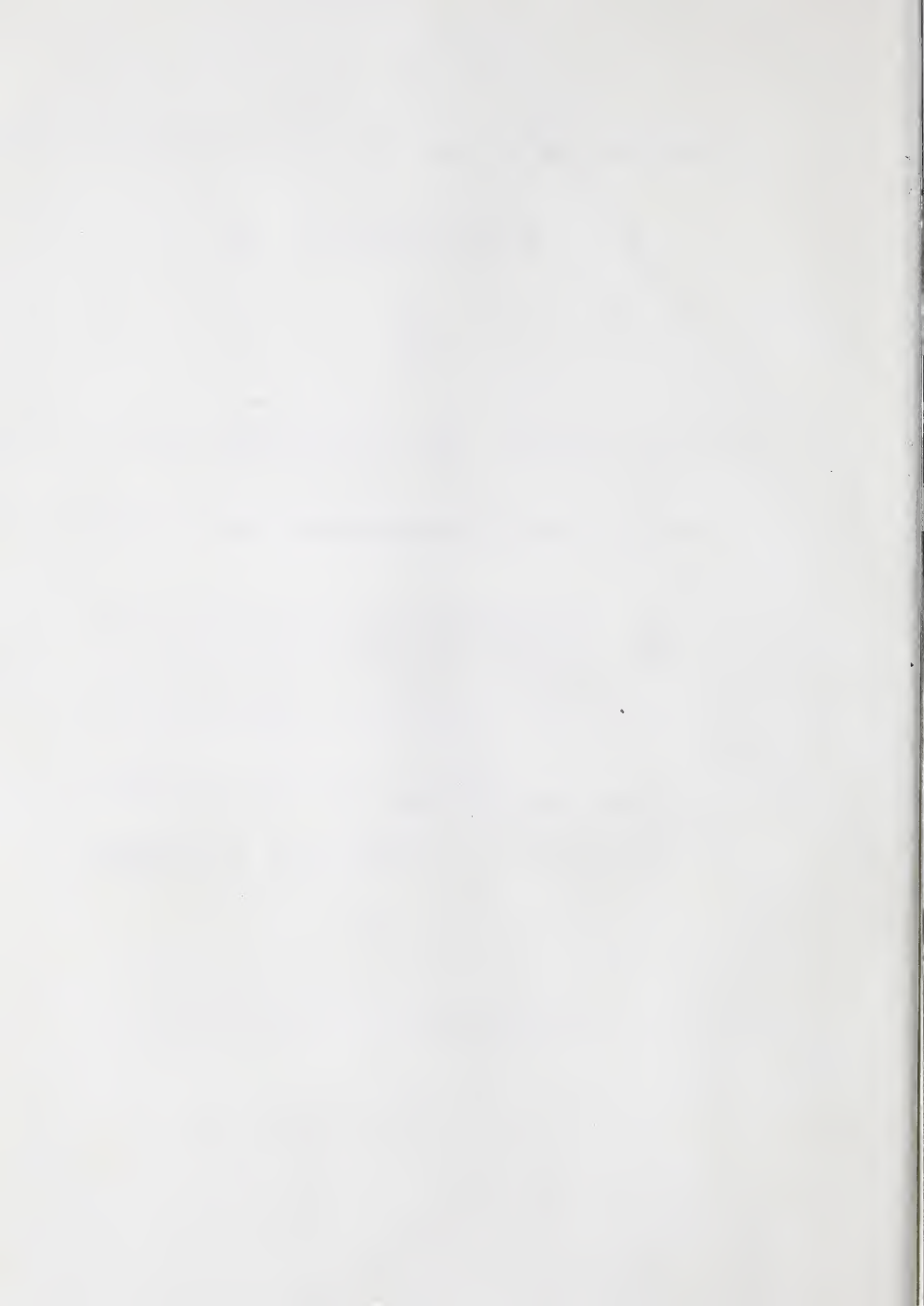


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SOLOMON FREEMAN.

Transcript of the Records of the
Old Brewster Burial Ground in
Brewster.— Family Record of
William Freeman.

Brewster, Oct. 9th, 1854.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 26th ult. was recd. Think you are laboring under a mistake in relation to the promise of copying inscriptions from the oldest gravestones in our old burying ground. I think I recollect your naming your intention of visiting us for that purpose and my offer of aiding you in the matter. But since receiving your communication I have visited the graveyard several times for the purpose named, but the inscriptions are mostly very simple merely giving the name of the individual, his age, and date of his death. I will give a few of them as an illustration:

Here lies the body of Mr. John Sunderland who died Dec. 26, 1703, in the 85th year of his age.

Here lies the body of Tamsen Sunderland, wife of Mr. John Sunderland, died June 16th, 1709, in the 84th year of her age.

Here lies the body of Capt. Jona. Bangs, who died 1728, aged 83 yrs. Mary his wife aged 66

years, died June 1711, and Sarah his wife died June 11th 1719 aged 78 yrs.

Here lies, in the hope of a joyful resurrection, the body of Mr. John Seymour, who departed this life March 15, 1783, aged 82 yrs. What shall we do, or whither shall we go

Down to the grave, down to the happy shades below,

Where all our brave progenitors are blest

With endless triumphs and eternal rest.

Here lies ye body of Capt. Edward Bangs who died May 22nd 1746, in the 81st year of his age.

Here lies the body of Edw. Bangs, who died June 3, 1755, in the 61st year of his age.

Here lies the body of Mary Berry, wife of Judah Berry, aged abt. 26 died Aug. 16th 1719.

Here lies the body of Lydia Freeman, wife of Joseph Freeman aged 40 yrs 1722.

Here lies the body of Dea Thos. Freeman who died in 17 15-16 in the 66th year of his age.

Rebecca wife of Dea Thos. Freeman died Febr'y 1740 aged 86 yrs.

Jona. Freeman son of Dea Thos. Freeman died April 2, 1714, aged 36 years.

Nathan Sears, aged 30, died in 1720.

Here lies the body of John Gray of this town he died March 21st 1732.

Here lies the body of Ruth Bangs, aged abt. 4 years, died March 28th 1702-3.

Here lies the body of Col. Edward Freeman who departed this life Ano Dom 1745-6 aged 66 years.

Here lies the body of Lieut. Prince Snow who departed this life Anno Dom 1742 aged 69 years.

Here lies the body of Prince Snow who died May 24th Anno Dom 1742 aged 32 yrs.

Also Ghibs who died Feby 22 1767, aged 20 yrs.

Here lies the body of the Rev. Nathaniel Stone, pastor of the first church of Christ, in Harwich, who departed this life Feby. 8th, Anno Domy 1755, in the 88th year of his age.

Reliance, his wife died 1759, aged 84 yrs.

To the memory of Revd. Isaiah Dunster, the pious and beloved pastor of the first church in Harwich, he was educated at the University in Cambridge, his native town, was ordained Nov. 13th 1748. After a judicious, pertinent and faithful discharge of his relative and ministerial duties, satisfied with life, and confident of immortality, he died Jan. 18th 1791, in the 71st year of his age and the 43rd of his ministry.

Here lies the body of Revd. Edwd. Pell who died Nov. 1752. (Tradition says Mr Pell was the

first minister of the South parish, and on his death bed requested to be buried in the North parish graveyard, assigning as a reason his fear of being overlooked at the genl. resurrection, if buried in those pine woods.)

In memory of Mrs Hannah Dunster, consort of Revd. Isaiah Dunster, who exchanged this life for a better, May 22, 1766, aged 36. Epitaph.

I once the graves of others viewed
As now to others I am shewed.

Here is no work for God or
Heaven,

O then improve the season given.

Nathan Sears, aged 20 yrs., died Augt. 30th 1720.

Susannah, wife of Chillingsworth foster, died 1730, aged 77.

Capt. Saml. Bangs died in 1730, aged 68.

Elkanah Cobb, son of Jona. Cobb, died 1753, aged 22 yrs.

Benj. Hatch died 1769, aged 83 yrs.

Isaac Clark, son of Thos. Clark, Esq., died in the 21st year of his age.

Ebenezer Clark, son of Scotto-way and Mary Clark, died 1725.

Mr. Wm. Myrick d. 1732 aged 30 yrs.

Saml. Hopkins d. 1761 aged 38.

Saml. Berry died 1752 aged 38.

I have thus hastily given you the inscriptions on some of the old gravestones. Will add to the list

when I am more at leisure. If you will give me notice, so that I may be sure to be at home, and will come down and spend a day with me, you can obtain much information in your antiquarian researches by overhauling ancient documents in the neighbourhood.

Yours truly

Solo. Freeman.

Copy of Family Record of Wm. Freeman.

Wm. Freeman born Feby. 24th, 1686. Married to Mary Pepper, 1711. Died March 13th, 1772, aged 85. Their issue were

1 Mary, b. 1713, d. 1713.

2 Apphia, b. 1714, d. 1714.

3 Wm. b. 1715, d. 1741. His grandchildren resided in Maine and Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

4 Danl., b. 1717, d. 1748. His g. children m. in B. and Orleans.

5 Mary, b. 1720, d. 1803, m. Job Crocker of Orleans.

6 Apphia, b. 1722, d. 1773, m. Ebenezer Mayo and resided in Portland, Me.

7 Isaac, b. 1725, d. 1757. His daughter married Henry of Boston.

8 Jona. b. 1728, d. 1796. He resided in Cambridge, Mass., and Boston.

9 Lydia, b. 1731, d. 1757.

10 Simeon, b. 1737, d. 1738.

11 Solomon, b. 1733, d. 1808.

The original is from the pen of Montague Richmond.

Solomon was a man of some note, was a delegate to the con-

vention for the adoption of the Federal constitution, a Justice of the peace and quorum, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and for many years a Senator in the Massachusetts General Court. He resided in the E. part of Brewster, inheriting by will his father's real estate. He was a man of unswerving integrity, urbanity of manner and particularly correct in all his business and official transactions. He married Desire Doane of Eastham in 1761 and had issue

Isaac, b. 1762, d. 1764.

Solomon, b. 1764, d. 1764.

Mary, b. 1765, d. 1828, the wife of Wm. Crosby.

William, b. 1768, d. 1845. Residence Sandisfield, Mass.

Solomon, b. 1770, d. 1820. Residence Brewster.

Desire, b. 1774, d. 1849, wife of Maj. Benj. Foster of B.

Solomon married Abigail Clark in 1793, and had issue

Wm., b. 1794.

Jonathan, b. 1796, d. 1832.

Thankful, b. 1798, married Capt. T. Dalton.

Abigail, b. 1803.

Hannah, b. 1806, d. 1835, wife of Isaac Doane.

Jerusha, b. 1808, d. 1849, wife of J. G. Ward, Provincetown.

Varnum, b. 1812, d. 1842. Residence New York.

Henry, b. 1817. Residence Middletown, N. York.

Solomon, b. 1800. Residence Brewster.

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Note I have thus given a concise family record of my father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Respectfully and truly

Your obt. Servt.,

Solomon Freeman.

FREDERICK FREEMAN.

No Knowledge of Historic Pamphlet.—Abigail Freeman, Bethia Gorham and the "Crocker Quarrel."

Sandwich, Nov. 26, 1862.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

My dear Sir,

Yours of 24th is at hand. In reply would say, in answer to your inquiries:

1. I have no knowledge of the pamphlet "Indian Dream," except as obtained from conversation with you several years since. You then thought I might obtain it by a call on Mry. Crocker; and I made diligent enquiry without obtaining any further light on the subject. Mr Crocker's investigations to aid me were unsuccessful.

2. The "Abigail Freeman" to whom you refer, was doubtless the Wido. of David Freeman, son of Isaac and Bethia. He m. Abigail Davis of Barnstable, Mar. 1753, and had Thos. Davis Freeman Mar. 25, 1757. In 1769, July 11, "Abigl., wido." was "Gn. to Thos. D. Freeman, m. g. s. of Mrs Bethia Gorham, wido., late of Be.

deed." In her will, Sept. 18, 1788, pr. Nov. 12, 1788, she gives to her sister Lucy Ganet, and to Sarah Parker wife of Isaiah, all her property in case her "son Thos. D. Freeman does not return." She also ad. on Bethia Gorham of Be., wido., Aug. 8, 1769, who had d. July 11, 1769. The difficulty about Abigl. mentioned particularly in connection with difficulties bet. Gen. Jos. Otis and Edwd. Bacon, Esq., may, so far as it relates to the Crockers, be gathered, perhaps, from Court Records. The Docket, C. C. P., Dec. term 1777, shows the 6th in order "Abigl. Freeman vs. Saml. Crocker et al.," before Jas. Otis, N. Freeman, & Rd. Baxter.

The Bethia Gorham, mother in law of Abigl. (Davis) Freeman, was Gorham by 2d marriage. My notes are unsatisfactory in regard to her maiden name, though she m. Freeman Mar. 16, 1716. She was of Yarmo.; and Miss Hinckley of Lowell says she was Bethia Hawes. She, although a descendant, prob. confounds her with Bethia, dr. of Nathl. Freeman, who m. a Hinckley? She says Isaac Freeman and Bethia removed to Fairfield, Ct. Query: was it not Bethia Sturgis? He d. at F. and she returned to Yarmo. Their sons, Isaac, Edwd., James, and David. The last two I have notes of; but the first two, I have been much perplexed about. Edwd. was a mercht. in Ct. with James; and after James d. Edwd. became



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a sea-capt. and during the French Rev. became rich. There is a portrait of him. I suspect this Edwd. had a son Edwd. of Marblehead, b. Oct. 15, 1750; grad. H. C. 1767; marked dead in catalogue. 1782.

Miss H. says Hon. John G. Palfrey is a descndt. of the sd. Bethia's 2d husband.

I would like to know more of these branches of my own family.

3. As to the difficulty called the "Crocker quarrel," you will readily excuse me from entering upon the subject—when you consider that, History, Vol. 1, p. 429. I have stated the principles that necessarily govern me in regard to all papers put into my hands. The declaration is again reiterated Vol. 2, p. 10 and 11. However the public might regard my obtruding personal matters not essential to history, I could not regard my own conduct in so doing, should I depart from the rule laid down, as any better than the acting the part of the hyena. I intend by this, no reflections upon others. If I may with propriety "disclose" the "merits" of individuals it gives me pleasure, but it is no part of my calling to "draw their frailties" from the grave. In saying this, I do not allude to the Crockers or any others in particular; but only write in elucidation of my rule of action.

Are you not mistaken in saying in the last No. of your sketches

that the John Crocker who m. 2d Hinckley, was son of John? I have it "of Dea. Job." You may be right, and I wrong; but dates seem to favor my own conclusion.

I am, dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

Yours &c.

Frederick Freeman.

Isaac Freeman m. Bethia Sturgis of Yarmouth, d. of James and Rebecca (Thacher) Sturgis b. Feb. 1695-6, Mar. 16, 1715-16. Removed to Fairfield, Conn. She m. 2d in 1635 Mr. Job Gorham of Barnstable and had a da. Sarah, bap. 15 Aug. 1736, pr died young. A. O.

S. P. BOURNE.

Some of the Early Birth Records of Falmouth Deciphered.—"Records Require Antiquarian Pilot to Navigate Through the Ancient Hieroglyphics."

Falmouth, April 5. 1862.

A. Otis, Esq.

Sir: I have deciphered some of the early births on our town records and suppose they are all dead, but the record is silent on that point.

Benjamin Hatch and Mary (Lumber) had Abigail 1679. Mary 1681.

Benjamin Hatch and Chloe (Eddy) had Nathaniel 1684. Benjamin 1686, John 1689, Elizabeth 1692, Meltiah 1693, Timothy 1695,



Hannah 1698, Solomon 1704, Eddy 1700.

Thomas Hatch and Abigail (Codman) had Hebsibah 1681, Thomas 1685, Saxeth 1687, Stephen 1689, Nathaniel 1693, a son 1695, Marcy 1693, Jonathan 1698, Peter 1700.

Saml. Hatch had Saml., Lydia, Hepsibah, 1694 to 1701.

Joseph Hatch and Amy (Allen) had Lydia, Amy, Jos., Ichabod, Ruth, Joanna, Elizabeth, Ebenezer and Barnabas, from 1684 to 1703.

Jonathan Hatch and Abigail (Weeks) had Jonathan, Sarah, Mehitabel, Marcy, Nathan, Ebenr., 1678 to 1696.

Aaron Rowley and Mary his wife had Nancy, Aaron, Elizabeth, El-nathan, Timothy, from 1690 to 1699.

Wm. Weeks and Mary (Robinson) had Mehitabel, Sarah, Experience, Marcy, Jona., Benj., Lydia, 1669 to 1687.

Seth and Elizth Nye had Loes, Feb. 4, 1739.

Timothy Robinson and Experience had Mehitabel, Thomas, Rebecca, Timo., John, William, 1700 to 1719.

Joseph Robinson and Bethiah had Rowland 1701, Bethiah 1705, Martha 1707, Joseph 1711, Jabish 1711, Elizabeth 1713, Abigail 1714, Marcy 1716, Annah 1718, Ruth 1721.

William Gifford had Seth, Jabez, Mehitabel, William, Temperance, &c., 13 children, from 1676 to 1713.

Nathan Fish and Deborah had

John, Samuel, Nathan. Rebecca, Deborah, Elizabeth, Rowland, 1687 to 1708.

Thomas Parker and Marcy had Jabez, Thankful, Thos., Ebenezer, Marcy, 1694 to 1702.

John Gifford and Desire had Ruth, Saml., Wesson, 1697 to 1705.

James Percival and Abigail (Robinson) had Eben., Marcy, 1699 to 1701.

Nathan Rowley and Mary had 8 children, from 1691 to 1709.

Benj. Nye and Hannah (Bach-house) had Ebenezer, Ichabod, Dorcas, Esther, John, Joshua and Seth, 1699 to 1717.

Isaac Groon and Sarah had Jonathan, Elizabeth, Sarah and Martha, 1700 to

Moses Hatch and Elizabeth (Thatcher) had Elizabeth, Rebecca, Hannah, 1701 to 1705.

Benjamin Lewis and Elizabeth (Crowell) had Judah, Elizabeth and Thomas, 1702 to 1710.

Benjamin Lewis and Hannah had Saml. 1709, Bethiah 1711.

William Gifford and Lydia had Nathan, Meliah, Sarah, Joseph, 1715 to 1728.

Ebenezer Morton had Mary, 27 June 1711.

John Robinson, Jr., and Anna (Hoxie) had Seth, Solomon and Bartlet, 1742 to 1746.

Thos. Parker and Mary (Jenkins) had Robert, Thos., Thankful, Eben, Mary and Prudence, Elisha, 1694-1706.

Isaac Robinson and Hannah (Harper) had Sarah, Elizth., Abi-

gail, Experience, John, Peter, Mary, Prudence, Hannah, Isaac, 1690 to 1713.

John Jenkins and Abigail had John 1709, Jeraway 1712, Abigail 1715, Mary 1717.

Thos. Bowman and Jean his wife had David 1722, Judah 1723, Sarah 1724, Elizth. 1727, Silas 1730, Peace 1733.

Isaac Green and Judath had Lemuel April 29, 1719, Abigail Jan. 31, 1722.

John Hinckley and Susannah had Peninnah 1743.

John Parker and Elizth. had Tino. 1735, Mary 1737, John and Elizth. 1739.

John Robinson and Rebecca had Micah 1729, Ezekiel 1731, Daniel 1735, Mehitabel 1737.

Cornelius Lewis and Sarah had Micajah 1727, daughter 1729, Elijah 1730.

William Robinson had Daniel 1738, Lucy 1739, Rebecca 1741, Timothy 1743, Joseph 1745, Mercy 1745.

Ebenezer Chipman and Mary had John April 10, 1733.

The Records are so much mixed up with "Town Meetings, Sheep Marks, Publishments, Marriages, Deaths, Oaths &c. &c." it requires an antiquarian pilot to navigate through the ancient hieroglyphics. If you need any particualar name or item of date I will look for you.

Resply Yours

S. P. Bourne.

WILLIAM L. WEAVER.

Halls of Connecticut.—Joseph Hall a Man of Note Among Mansfield, Conn., Settlers.—Dunham, Howes, Lothrop and Freeman.

Willimantic, June 12. 1831.
Amos Otis, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor with records and am very much obliged. I fear I have taxed you too much, but I have now sent you the most of the names from your section that I wish to inquire about.

With regard to the first Halls I send you what I find on Windham and Mansfield records.

With regard to Joseph who was a man of note among the settlers of the Mansfield part of the town, and Town Clerk, &c., I need say nothing. His death is recorded in Mansfield same as you have it.

Capt. William Hall, "late of Yarmouth," purchased 1000 acre right in Windham (now Mansfield) June 24, 1695. He had a son Isaac who m. April 24. 1700. Sarah, dau. of John Reed of Windham, and had ten children; James m. Mehitabel Wood Oct. 15, 1716, and had ten children: William m. Hester — July 20. 1708, and had a family. There was also a Theophilus Hall who m. Ruth Sargeant Mch. 2, 1719-20. but whether the son of Wm. or

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Benj. I have not ascertained but think he was son of Wm.

Capt. William Hall died June 11, 1727. Easter his wife d. Feb. 19, 1726-7.

I do not find any settlement of estate of either William or Benjamin Hall, but as I have not examined the Mansfield land records up to the date of their death, I cannot give so full particulars as I hope yet to obtain.

Benjamin Hall purchased a tract of land in Mansfield Sept. 15, 1708. He is then called of Mansfield. He certainly had the following children and perhaps others.

Barnabas, who m. Mercy and had a family. His record begins May 23, 1710.

Shebar, who m. Abigail, June 13, 1711, and had a family.

Mr. Benjamin Hall died Aug. 7, 1737. Mrs. Mehitable, his wid., d. Feb. 20, 1740-41.

I hope to find out more in regard to the families of Wm. and Benj. Hall and especially whose son Theophilus was.

With regard to the Dunham family: "Desire Dunham, dau. of John deed. m. Saml. Stetson Mch. 11, 1712-13" (Mans. Rec.) You have it Mercy. But the same records say that Mercy Dunham, dau. of John deed., d. Dec. 17, 1724. Ebenezer Dunham is called of Plymouth Feb. 2, 1705-6, when he buys land in Mansfield. I

would like his record but suppose you have it not. He d. at Mansfield Nov. 17, 1747. I would also like record of Elisha and Temperance Dunham previous to 1717.

Howes. I would like the families, or at least the marriage and birth of the father and gr.father of Zachariah Howes, which will bring me back to Savage.

I presume I can obtain what I desire in regard to the Freemans. There was a Stephen Freeman with wife Hannah, who does not appear to be of the family of Edmund, whose record begins at Mansfield 1739.

The Edmund Freeman of whom you give a partial record appears in Mansfield record as follows,

Edmund Freeman by wife Martha had—

Abigail, b. May 20, 1743.

Jonathan, b. Mch. 21, 1744-5.

Otis, b. May 13, 1748.

Russell, b. July 17, 1750.

Moody, b. April 25, 1753.

Frederick, b. Oct. 8, 1755.

Martha, b. Mch. 15, 1759.

My Robinson Genealogy is now in the hands of a friend, but Experience the wife of Peter d. April 30, 1727. Consequently she was b. in 1672, but Sarah (Mason) Robinson, prob. the oldest child of Peter, d. 1751, aged 65, (if I recollect) when she, Experience, would be only 16 at birth of Sarah, if she was the first wife of Peter. From this, and as there were 15 children, I have supposed that



Experience who d. in 1727 may have been the 2d wife of Peter Robinson, but I cannot find any dau. of John Manton who could have been the wife of Peter, but I shall try at Falmouth.

Lothrop. Benjamin Lathrop, son of our first Benjamin, d. July 16, 1804, aged 78, this would make his birth in 1726, which does not agree with your record. I find no record of the death of our first Benjamin, or of the settlement of his estate up to 1776. None of the chil. of this Benj. which you give from town records unless Benj. appear on our records, but there is a Mercy Lothrop who m. John Fitch Jr. Nov. 7, 1753, Anna L. who m. Joseph Warner Jr. Dec. 3, 1754, and Elizabeth L. who m. Joshua Ripley Jr. May 26, 1740. These I have supposed might have been the chil. of Benj. before he came here, but as there were Lathrops in the adjoining towns and at Norwich, it is not certain. I suppose it probable that the Benjamin whose record you give is our man—the ch. record of Benj. seems to correspond.

One of the sons of Samuel Fuller of Mansfield settled at E. Had-dam, and another m. his wife there, which would indicate that the families were acquainted if not related. I presume Samuel was son of Saml. as you indicate.

I would like some information

respecting a Robert Paddock who had a son Robert, Seth and I suppose Silas and Zachariah—there is no record of him only Seth is called his son.

I would also like the record of Samuel Wood and his origin. His will is dated July 20, 1742, proved Sept. 22, 1742, names wife Jeane, chil. Samuel, Mary, Rebecca, Ann, Hannah and Joseph. The three last were born in Mansfield, Ann b. Sept. 27, 1721, Hannah b. Feb. 7, 1722-3, Joseph b. Dec. 25, 1724.

I have no information in regard to the Sturgis family, but shall have a copy of Stiles Windsor soon and will see if I can find anything in regard to them.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Weaver.

Shubael Dimock Early Settler in Mansfield, Conn.—Benjamin Lothrop.—Mercy Lothrop Joined First Church on Recommendation from Barnstable Church.

Willimantic, Sept. 24. 1831.
Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

A good while ago you sent me a partial record of Shubael Dimock who settled in Mansfield, and you stated that he was son of Elder Thomas D. of B.

Shubael Dimmick was an early settler of Mansfield and his sons Benjamin and Timothy with daughters Joanna and Thankful came to M. On the Mansfield records I find the following:

"Dea. Shubael Dimock d. Oct. 29, 1732, in his 91st year on ye Sabbath day about 9 oclock." "Joanna his wife died May 8, 1727, aged 83."

Mr Savage in vol. II, p. 51, says that Shubael Dimock by first wife had Thomas b. 1654, John b. Jan. 1656, Timothy b. March 1658, Shubael Feb. 1663, Joseph Sept. 1665. Now the Shubael D. the father of the above could not be our Mansfield settler, because in 1654 he was but 12 years old; yet our Shubael was the father of a Benjamin, Timothy, Joanna and Thankful, for I have the evidence. Were there two Shubael's and has Mr. Savage attempted to make them one? I would very much like an explanation.

With regard to Benjamin Lathrop I think it certain that the partial record you sent me of Benjamin the son of Samuel proves the identity of our man with him.

I find that Mercy Lothrop joined the 1st Chh. here on recommendation from the Barnstable Chh. July 13, 1732. And I think this must be the first wife of Benjamin L. I find no record of a second marriage, or the death of Benjamin, but I find a distribution of the estate of Anna Lathrop Jany. 6, 1776, to Benjamin, Elijah, John, Mercy Cary, Elizabeth Ripley, Lydia Gilbert, and heirs of Nathl. decd. Wid. Mercy Cary died Aug. 4, 1802, aged 73. Benj. Lathrop 2d d. June 14, 1804, aged

78. The one called Mary and Moley in your records of births and baptisms was evidently named Mercy. I suppose you are certain that Benjamin Lathrop was the son of Samuel who was the son of Joseph who was the son of Revd. John. There being so many Benjamin Lothrop's b. about the same time I wish to be sure and get the right ones.

I would thank you for the records of the family of Joseph the father of Zachariah Howes, and also the family of Samuel the father of Joseph.

Truly yours,

Wm. L. Weaver.

Record of Benjamin Lothrop.—

Joshua Allen Purchased 1000
Acre Right in Windham in 1693.
—Samuel Baker.

Willimantic, Dec. 5, 1861.

Dear Sir,

Your favor containing the Dimock records &c. was duly recd. and I sent the manuscript to the address of Mr. Dimock of Hartford, who, by the way, is in the Army, but I learn that his father has it.

Do you find the marriage of Benjamin son of Shubael Dimock in your records? His first wife was named Mary. The birth of his first child Perez b. June 14, 1704, begins his record here.

Neither is the marriage of Tim-

othy his older brother found in our records. His wife was Abigail, and Timothy is the first child recorded, born June 5, 1703. Both of them may have married in this vicinity, but I can find no record. With these exceptions I have the Dimocks pretty complete, so far as the Mansfield families are concerned.

It would seem that our first Benjamin Lothrop was the son of Hope according to family records. I wrote, as you directed, to Revd. L. E. Lathrop of Sharon, and was informed by his widow that he died in 1857. She directed me to her son F. E. Lathrop, American Exchange Bank, N. Y., who sent me the family record, and who said that Benjamin the father of Rev. Elijah was son of Hope and Elizabeth Lothrop, and was b. Oct. 18, 1697, and d. June 16, 1758.

The following is the record of Benjamin, which is more complete than your records:

Benjamin Lothrop m. Mercy Baker, May 26, 1720.

A son b. Aug. 20, 1721, d. in 13 days.

A daughter

twins, b. April 8, 1723.

Nathaniel

Revd. Elijah b. Nov. 18, 1724, d. Aug. 3, 1797.

Benjamin b. March 27, 1726.

Elizabeth b. Nov. 24, 1727, d. May 18, 1730.

Mercy b. Aug. 26, 1729.

Elizabeth b. May 5, 1731, d. June 30, 1778.

Anna b. Feb. 15, 1733.

Nathaniel b. Dec. 29, 1734, d. April 30, 1762.

Abner b. March 22, 1737, d. Aug. 5, 1781.

John b. April 4, 1738, d. Oct. 9, 1789.

Solomon b. Feb. 23, 1739.

Lydia b. Aug. 15, 1742.

Sarah b. Jan. 23, 1745.

There is no account in this record of the 2d marriage of Benjamin Lathrop. The wife of Hope Lothrop and mother of this Benjamin was Elizabeth Lothrop and according to this record she was born Nov. 15, 1677. Whose daughter was she?

You state that you had before, you thought, sent me the names of the children of Samuel and Zachariah Howes, but you are mistaken, you simply gave me the line of descent from Thomas to our Zach. son Joseph, who was b. Feb. 10, 1721-2. You sent me the family of Joseph complete. It is but little matter, however, as you say the record of Samuel the father of Joseph is not found.

Samuel Fuller who m. Elizabeth dau. of Rodolphus Thatcher of Chilmark Oct. 3, 1700, and about whom I inquired formerly, is, I find by the records, called of Barnstable.

Joshua Allen, or as it is sometimes written Allyn and Alleine, purchased a 1000 acre right in

Windham (Mansfield portion) in 1693, and died before 1700. His wife has a gravestone on which it says: (her name was Mary)

"Here lies ye body of Mrs. Mary Alleine ye wife of Mr. Joshua Alleine of Mansfield by whom she had seven sons and three daughters, John, Joshua, Gideon, Yaberton, Samuel, George, Eleazer, Miriam, Mary and Sary." Part of the inscription including her age cannot be read.

I have supposed that this may have been the Joshua Allen of Yarmouth who had John b. Sept. 20, 1672 (Savage II, p. 34). Can you give any further light?

The records of Samuel Baker who married Prudence Jenkins May 3, 1732, begins here by the birth of Anna their dau. b. May 20, 1746. Have you the record of any children born between this date and the marriage?

Very Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. Weaver.

Record of Timothy Dimock, senr.,
Commences in Mansfield, 1703.—
Nathaniel Skiff's First Wife.

Willimantic, June 21, 1862.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir—I have your favor of 17th.

The record of Timothy Dimock, senr., commences in Mansfield records in 1703, but his wife is called Abigail. Six children are recorded, after which he removed

to Ashford, where he died about 1733. I found a guardian was appointed for his two minor children, Israel and Ebenezer, Dec. 15, 1733. I will send over this mail and have the Windham probate records searched and see if a Jabez Dimock or Mary Gale can be discovered among his heirs. This Timothy is the earliest one that I find on record. I find nothing in Mansfield or Ashford records either in regard to a Jabez Dimock or Mary Gale.

Nathaniel Skiff's first wife died before he came here. The name of his second wife was Ruth; tradition says Ruth West. She died here Dec. 3, 1741, aged 90. I think Mr. Pease informed me sometime since that Nathl. Skiff's first wife was Mary, though he may have meant Mercy. Sorry I have not the information.

Truly yours,

Wm. L. Weaver.

JAMES D. GREEN.

James Green, son of James.—James, Father of Rebecca White and Commander of the Ship "Successess."

Cambridge, Sept. 24, 1865.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir,

You were kind enough to assist me, a few years since, in some inquiries I was then making relative to James Green(2),

(son of James,—the Freeman of 1647) who died at Barnstable in 1731, aged 90 yrs. and upwards, and who, by his will, made bequests to his four children, John Crocker and Esther Frothingham, and to his two granddaughters, Rebecca White, daughter of his son James, and Elizabeth Green, daughter of his son Richard.

I am very desirous of ascertaining something more of this son James, father of Rebecca White:—as whether he had any other children, and if so what were their names. I know nothing more about him than, that, in 1688-9, he was commander of the ship *Success*, and, with his father, James(2), gave a bond to the government that he would not carry any "passengers, servants or slaves" out of his Majesty's territory and dominion of New-England without a ticket from the Secretary's office. What became of him I do not know. I can find no trace of him after that date.

Now, Mr. R. Henry Greene of New York traces his descent from James Green(2), through this James(3), as I understand him, on the supposition that this James(3) had a son William, of whom he is himself a descendant. He refers to you as his authority, to this extent, that William was a descendant of James Green of Charlestown and Rebecca Jones, died at Barnstable in 1731, married Rebecca Jones of Dorchester,

and had children Elizabeth, James, Thomas, Richard, John, Esther, Samuel. Can you inform me if either of them had a son William?

Thomas had two daughters and sons Robert and John; Richard had a daughter; John had a daughter and two sons, James and Thomas; whether Samuel had any children I do not know.

Was William Green, who married, at Barnstable March 25, 1709, Desire, daughter of John Bacon, a son of either of the foregoing? Would the town or parish Records of Barnstable probably throw any light upon the subject?

Please excuse my troubling you. If you can aid me at all in this matter you will add another to the obligations already conferred, upon, my dear Sir, with great respect,
your obt. servt,

Jas. D. Green.

FRANKLIN B. DEXTER.

Thomas Dexter.—Rev. Samuel Arnold, Whilom of Yarmouth.—John Cooke, Deacon of Plymouth Church.—Benjamin Hammond and Thomas Pope.

Fairhaven, Mass., Aug. 22, 1863.
Mr. Amos Otis,

Dear Sir,

You will recollect that I called upon you about ten days since on the search for information concerning Thos. Dexter. In

compliance with your permission, I address you on similar historical points.

Your published notices would seem as far as they extend to be satisfactory, but they only provoke the desire to know more. Of one or two assertions I have the desire to inquire further.

In your very first paragraph of your first article on Thomas Dexter, you tantalize us by saying that he brought his wife, &c. and several servants; tantalize us, I say, for we never heard this before, and would fain ask, what proof of this is to be obtained?

In your third article, which is mostly made up of genealogical details, I could find several places for correction or addition, if you were anxious for them.

I think you also mentioned when I saw you that you had published some notice of Rev Samuel Arnold, whilom of Yarmouth. If you would look that up and transmit the facts and conclusions which you reached, I should be very much obliged.

I may take this opportunity to name those of your early Barnstable or Yarmouth history, in whom I am interested, and concerning whom I have more or less details of subsequent history not elsewhere to be obtained.

I would thus mention John Cooke, deacon of Plymouth church perhaps from 1630 to 1650, and

said in Mass. Historical collection vol. 3, p. 111 "to have been the author of much dissension and division both in Plymouth church and the church of Barnstable." Can you explain the reference?

Also Benjamin Hammond, said to be in Yarmouth from 1643 to 1655, concerning whose children I have considerable information.

Also, Thomas Pope, in Yarmouth 1646, about whom I have some new matter.

Also, Philip Taber, of Yarmouth about 1640, of whom I have some new information.

Also John Thomsan of Barnstable, 1652 to 1673, of whose children &c. I have some information.

If you design to write on any of these I should be glad to know it and exchange information with you.

Again, I have an inquiry to make concerning the Goodspeeds of Barnstable. I am persuaded that I descend from old Roger, but I cannot quite trace up to him. I can trace to a Nathaniel (and wife Sarah) Goodspeed of Rochester, who had children born to them from 1706 to 1743. Can you guess from which son of Roger Goodspeed he came?

I see that my letter is to a great extent composed of interrogation points, but I trust it may lead to mutual profit.

Very respectfully yours,
Franklin B. Dexter.
Fairhaven, Mass.



Additional Dexter Information.—

Rev. S. Arnold Proposed Freeman of Yarmouth.

Fairhaven, Mass., Aug. 26, 1863.

Mr. Amos Otis,

Dear Sir;

Yours of the 25th is rec'd, and I hasten to reply to its contents.

And first, my additions to the third article on Dexter. In it you say Ensign Thos. Dexter md. Mary or Elizabeth Vincent. May we not call her Elizabeth, and restrict the Mary to that Mary Vincent (possibly her sister) who is said to have md. Benj. Hammond of Yarmouth in 1650?

I have something to add on the list of Wm.'s children:

I. "Mary md. Moses Barlow;" she died soon after the birth of her first child, Ebenezer, who was born 10 May, 1692.

IV. James. You say he died in 1697, leav. dau. Eliz. and posthumous child. There is some mistake here, as I am certain that he left two children: Mary b. 5 Aug. 1692, and Deborah 22 July 1697. Their guardians are apptd. in 1712-13, as if the father had just died. Mary m. her cousin Jabez Dexter of Roch and Deborah m. Saml. Hillman of Chilmark.

V. "Thomas." Add that he m. in Roch. 17 July, 1695, Mary Miller and had Wm. born 22 Apr. 1696. His will is dated 19 Dec.

1746, and he leaves no issue, but his property is given to nephews and nieces.

VI. "John." He m. in Roch. 2 Mch. 1702-3, Sarah C—— (illegible) died in Roch. 31 July, 1744.

VII. "Benjamin." He m. Sarah Arnold dau. of Rev. Saml. A. of Roch. and gr. dau. of Rev. S. A. of whom I spoke in my last letter. He died 1734, leaving 11 children, of wh. the youngest was Dea. Seth, Rev. H. M. D.'s ancestor, as you state. The oldest was Noah, my gr. gr. father.

That is all that I will trouble you with on this point.

Concerning Rev. S. Arnold, you say your information is meagre. If you have anything beyond these bare facts, pray give it me. I only know that he is proposed freeman of Yarmo. 3 June. 1652, and admitted 7 June 1653, and was Deputy of Yarmo. 1654 and 56. He is said to have married in Yarmo. Elizabeth —, who died 15 Feb. 1706, in 79th year, so was born 1627. Can you guess from this date who she was? He is sometimes called a boatman, and sometimes a carpenter. Can you find out his occupation while in Yarmo?

Of the Goodspeeds, you say you can give me any information I want. The case is thus: Nathl. Goodspeed of Rochester (whose ch. were born from 1706 to 1713) was prob. born somewhere about 1670-1680 and was prob. a grandson of old Roger Goodspeed.



Through which son of Roger's? Did his son Nathl. leave a Nathl. who may be this one in Roch?

Concerning the Hammond, Taber and Tomson whom I before wrote of, if you make any inquiries, I will promise to answer them.

Concerning Pope, I only found it stated somewhere in our colony records that Thos. Pope (of Plymouth and afterwards of Dartmouth) was in 1646 an inhab. of Yarmo.

I am yr. obliged serv't,
Franklin B. Dexter.

DEAN DUDLEY.

Dudley's Genealogy of The Bangs Family.—Agrees with Mr. Otis in Many Particulars.

46 Mass. Block, Ct. Sqr., Boston,
Oct. 21, 1854.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—

I have seen your interesting communications to S. G. Drake, Esq., respecting my Gen. of the Bangs Family.

Please accept my thanks for the favors.

In regard to Rebekah, wife of Edw. Bangs, I had the same probability, that she was the dau. of Robert and Margaret Hicks, which was founded on precisely the same evidence, but a Genealogical friend advised me not to

publish it, and at his suggestion I took it out after it had been set up by the printer.

We examined the matter carefully and finally tho't "John Bangs" their grandson might have been a son of their daughter and Edw. Bangs, but found no evidence that they had a daughter Rebekah. So we tho't perhaps "John's" mother was perhaps Edw.'s first wife and "Rebekah" his second. Perhaps "John's" mother died soon after his birth, he being her only child that lived.

I am glad my record of "Mary" wife of Capt. Jonathan Bangs is right.

You have furnished some additional names and dates, and confirmed several of my suppositions. In a future number of the Register I will publish the additions &c. I hope you will send me some more.

Are you sure that "Mercy" wife of Benj. Hatch was a dau. of Capt. Edw.? Might not Mercy, dau. of Capt. Jonathan, have married another Mr. Hatch?

I would like to trace down the lineage of the daughters as well as the sons.

I am descended from Edw. Bangs the first—thro' Capt. Jonathan, Capt. Edward, Edward, Jr., Elkanah and Capt. Dean.

If I am correct, among my ancestors are the following—Benjamin Higgins; Lieut. John Dillingham and his wife Elizabeth Teake; Stephen Hopkins; Mary Myrick;

Rev. Thomas Crosby; Howes; John Gray and his wife Susannah; Jonathan Sparrow; Freeman, and Chapman. Eleazer Crosby m. Patience Freeman.

Charles Mayo, Esq., who has his office here next door to me, is from the Cape, and he is very much interested in these matters. He is Sect of our Gen. Society, and a Councilman of this city. He has a genealogy of the Mayos.

Please write me somewhat about my Crosby ancestors if not too much trouble.

Yours Very Truly & Resptfy.

Dean Dudley.

John Dillingham and Elizabeth Feake.—The Yates Family and the Merricks.

Boston, Nov. 11, 1854.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dr. Sir,—

I find I have erred in calling John Dillingham's wife "Teake." Her name was Feake. The Old Colony Small Book gives the marriage thus: "John Dillingham & Elizabeth Feake were married on the 24th of March 1650 at Sandwich."

Farmer in his Genealogical Regr. says: "Henry Feake, Lynn, was admitted freeman in 1631, and removed, according to Mr. Lewis, to Sandwich in 1637." I find by the Old Colony Book that Henry

Feake with others was allowed land to set down on at "Saugust"—that is Sandwich..

Farmer also says Robert Feake came to N. E. as early as 1630, freeman 1631, settled at Watertown and was one of the first deputies of general court in 1631, and again 1635, 1636.

Richard Higgins was of Eastham in 1644. He m. "Mary Yates" of Plymouth. Do you know about this Yates family? I find John Yates was of Eastham in 1655, and had a son John.

Farmer in Gen. Regr. says Thomas Clark of Plymouth d. 24 March 1697, aged 98.

Farmer says Henry Merrick was of Scituate in 1638. Is he ancestor of the Cape Merricks?

Dean Dudley.

JOSIAH. PIERCE.

A. List of the Narragansett Grantees in Barnstable.— Whole Number 120.— Record Written in 1733.

Mary Dovener
Jacob Hinckley
John Carman
George Lewis
John Hathway
Joseph Higgin
Samuel Bryant
Richard Ellingham
Samuel Child
Samuel Barnam
Samuel Linnell
Dr. Mathw Fuller



Samuel Fuller
 Increase Clap
 Joseph Taylor
 John Doncam
 Barthow Hamblen
 Eleazer Hamblen
 Thomas Huggins
 John Phinney
 Joseph Bearse
 Samuel Hinkley
 Samuel Allyn
 Samuel Davis
 John Lewis heirs
 Caleb Lambert
 Joseph Gorham
 Josiah Davis
 Ebenezer Clap
 Lot Conant
 Jedediah Lambert
 Samuel Cops
 Joseph Blush
 John Howland
 John Clarke
 Shubael Gorham Junr.
 Joseph Crocker
 John Goodspeed.

A list of the Narragansett
 Grantees for the town Nov. 7.
 In Barnstable.

The whole number of grantees
 were 120, the foregoing list com-
 prise all from Barnstable. The
 list from which I copy was writ-
 ten in 1733.

I have copied the orthography
 as I find it. But the descendants
 of some of the grantees living in
 Gorham spell their names differ-
 ently. We have now many

Hamblens in town, all tracing
 their descent from Bartholomew
 and Eleazer. They spell their
 names Hamblen, Hamblin, Hamlen
 and Hamlin. The descendants of
 the Lumberts all spell their names
 Lombard, which I take to be the
 true spelling, as Rev. Solomon
 Lombard, the first clergyman set-
 tled in Gorham, always wrote his
 name thus. He graduated at Har-
 vard College in 1723.

Capt. John Gorham, who stood at
 the head of the grantees, and for
 whom this town was named, was
 from Barnstable. Most of the Nar-
 ragansett soldiers were dead be-
 fore the grant was made, and the
 proprietorship descended to the
 oldest son, if any, if not, to
 daughters. Thus Shubael Gorham,
 Es., took his father John Gorham's
 right.

Many of the grantees never set-
 tled in this town, but these came
 from Barnstable and settled here:
 Hinkley, Carman, Lewis, Higgins,
 Bryant, Linnell, Hamblen, Phinney,
 Davis, Lambert, Gorham, Conant,
 Cops and Clarke. Perhaps others.
 Most of these names are here
 now. The Hamblens, Phinneys,
 Davises, Higgins, Hinkleys, Lin-
 nell's, Lewises and Lombards are
 numerous.

Capt. John Phinney of Barnsta-
 ble commenced the settlement of
 this ton in 1736 in May.

The settlers of Gorham from
 Barnstable were an honest, sober,
 industrious and energetic set of
 men; having little book learning,

but much sagacity and strong common sense.

Respectfully yours,

Josiah Pierce.

In 1836 I prepared and delivered a centennial address before the citizens of this town, which was printed by vote of the town.

I am now preparing a more extended historical account of Gorham. Any information touching our early settlers would be received with gratitude.

J. P.

JOSEPH BODFISH.

Robert Bodfish, Who Came Over Shortly After The Mayflower.—
The Barnstable Bodfish Family.

West Barnstable, Feb. 3, 1862.
Mr. Amos Otis,

I did not receive your letter until Friday and for that reason could not answer it last week. I will send you what I know of the Bodfish family.

Robert Bodfish and his wife Bridget came to this country a few years after the Mayflower came over. They had but two children, a son Joseph and a daughter whose name I do not know. The son Joseph had 12 children, six sons named Nathan, John, Ebenezer, Joseph, Benjamin, Robert, and six daughters named Meletiah, Sarah, Hannah, Thankful, Mary, Elizabeth. The son

Ebenezer, died young, about thirty, unmarried, the other eleven children all lived to old age, were married and had families of children.

Benjamin Bodfish, son of Joseph, married Lydia Crocker. They had three sons, Solomon, Sylvanus, Jonathan and two daughters, Hannah and Thankful. Benjamin Bodfish died at 77 years of age.

Jonathan Bodfish, son of Benjamin, married Desire Howland, aged 91. His wife Desire died April, 1813, aged 81. The children of Jonathan died as follows:

Silvanus died 1801.

Benjamin died June 1829.

John died Aug. 1847.

Isaac died Aug. 30, 1837.

Josiah, died Oct. 8, 1815.

Deborah, date unknown.

Simeon, date unknown.

Alice died April 21, 1854.

The house of the first Joseph Bodfish stood on the farm since owned by Lemuel Bursley, where his barn stands. The farm is now owned by Lemuel's son, Osmon Bursley. Joseph Bodfish's sons all lived in West Barnstable except John, who lived in Sandwich. Jonathan Bodfish's farm when he died contained six hundred acres. He lived in the old house which his father bought until nine years before he (Jonathan) died, when it was taken down and a new one erected on the same place.

I have written you all I could



obtain in so short a time. My father's death (John Bodfish) was in his family Bible which was given to my sister in Sandwich, so I could not tell the day of the month on which he died.

Yours with respect,

Joseph Bodfish.

ISAAC COBB.

The Cobbs of Portland and Purpooduck.— Concerning Desire Howland.

Portland, Maine, Feb. 16, 1872.

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of the 13th inst., and thank you for what you sent in regard to the Cobb family. According to Willis's History of Portland, Samuel Cobb was born in Barnstable, April 6, 1686, and that he came to Portland from Middleborough in 1717; in another place Willis says that Samuel Cobb was 38 years old when he came here. He must have committed an error somewhere. Samuel's brothers, Jonathan, Ebenezer and Joseph, settled at Purpooduck, Cape Elizabeth, in 1718. Ebenezer died in 1721, aged 33. Samuel, however, settled first, 1717, at Purpooduck, where he built the second house erected there; the next year he moved to Portland, then called Falmouth Neck; he died in 1761, in October.

If you will forward to me your

account of the Cobb family, I will return it within ten days from the time of reception. Send by express at my expense, or any way you choose, and direct to "Mr. Isaac Cobb, Transcript Office, Portland, Maine."

Concerning Desire Howland, perhaps her mother, Elizabeth, was the adopted daughter of Gov. John Carver, and also the daughter of John Tilley. I have seen a book that gives a list of the passengers by the Mayflower, and says that John Howland was reckoned with the family of Gov. Carver. Howland's name is given in connection with Governor Carver. John Tilley's is given in another place.

Truly yours,

Isaac Cobb.

CHARLES DEANE.

"Old Ship Harbor," Where Bradford's Old Ship was Cast Away.
—Is the "old ship lot" Mentioned in the Records?

Cambridge, Oct. 16, 1865.

Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir—

The "old ship," of which you wrote the interesting account in Geneal. Register, is creating considerable interest here, and I have carefully read again your account of its discovery.

I desire to ask you one or two questions, by way of having explained to me some things concerning the location where this

vessel was found. In the first paragraph of your article you say: "This harbor," that is, where Bradford's old ship was cast away, "was known to the first settlers as the 'Old Ship Harbor'; but the memory of its location has faded from the minds of the men of the present generation" &c. Do you mean by "its location" the ship's location, the harbor being well known? I think you mean to say that the harbor where the vessel was cast away and where this old wreck was found, has always been known as "old ship harbor" but that the location in the harbor where the ship was wrecked was lost, i. e., was not known to the present inhabitants. Do you mean that?

On p. 41, however, you say that the old wreck is found "on the second lot of the Potanumaquut meadows. This was always known as the 'old ship lot,' but why it was so called no one could explain." &c. Do you mean here to say that the tradition of the wreck had been lost, so that no one knew why it was called old ship lot?

When I was preparing Bradford's History for the press ten years since, I made note on p. 219, that the beach where this ship was stranded bore the name of Old Ship and that some portions of the wreck were to be seen say about 1780. I took this from Dr. Freeman's account of Chatham written in 1802—the tradition, or

the story of the wreck there was well known then.

Please tell me if the place described by Dr. F. is the spot, or embraces the spot where the ship was found?

How much did "Monamoehe Bay" embrace on the coast?

Shall I trouble you to reply to this and much oblige your obedient servant,

Charles Deane.

Is the "old ship lot" mentioned in the records?

SARAH A. BURSLEY.

John Goodspeed, who Originated in Marstons Mills.—Romance of the Revolution.

West Barnstable, 8th, Dec. 1863.
Mr. Otis, My dear Sir—

Your letter was received last night and on account of ill health I am commissioned to answer you.

John Goodspeed originated in Marstons Mills or that vicinity. Who his father was, I have been unable to learn. He married Mercy Bursley, daughter of Joseph Bursley senior, May 22nd, 1757. It has always been reported that she refused to marry him unless he would move to the Whitman farm which she then owned. He was a carpenter by



profession, and during the Revolutionary war served in that capacity on board a privateer. It was always reported that they took a Spanish prize which had on board much silver in bars and spice, and succeeded in getting her condemned, probably from her being engaged in business contraband of war. It has also been reported that after her condemnation, ordinary seamen were offered for their share as much silver as they could carry up Long wharf to the head of King street. He, being carpenter of the vessel, drew two shares. He also, it is said, purchased the boat belonging to the prize and found much silver in bars concealed in or under the ceiling of it. Hence the appellation, "Silver John." It is also said that he and one other were all who kept any of the silver for any length of time, the rest soon squandered it, but report says that some of the bars remained in the Whitman family long after his death, and from their antiquity were much prized. So much for "Silver John."

Philemon Goodspeed lived on the South side of what is now called Shubael pond at Hamblin's plains, and was the son of "Pewler" John Goodspeed of Marston's Mills. Whether they were in any way connected I have been unable to ascertain.

Very respectfully yrs.

Sarah A. Bursley.

SYLVESTER BLISS.

The Baker Family.—Samuel, who Married Jane Gage.—Shubel, who Married Lydia Stuart.

Boston, Dec. 20, 1862.

Amos Otis, Esq.

Dr Sr. I was told at the Genealogical rooms today that you probably could inform me in respect to the Baker family on the Cape.

There was a Samuel Baker who m. Jane Gage, and they had a son Heman, b. 1741. There was also a Shubel Baker who m. Lydia Stuart, and they had a d. Temperance, b. 1739. Heman the son of Samuel and Temperance the d. of Shubel were m. and had a daughter Temperance b. 1763, who m. John Abbott of Tolland, Ct.—my mother's father. As my grandmother came from the Cape—from Dennis I think—I suppose her ancestors were residents of that neighborhood. Now what I wish is to trace the ancestors of the said Samuel Baker and Jane Gage, also of Shubel Baker and Lydia Stuart, respectively, back to the first of each in this country, and if you have any statistics in your possession that will aid me, I shall be much obliged. Those named were probably of the 3rd or 4th generation in this country.

Respectfully

Yours &c.

Sylvester Bliss.

JOHN B. NEWCOMB.

The Newcomb Family.— Early Settlers of Barnstable County.— Remove to Lebanon, Connecticut.

Elgin, Illinois, March 13, 1862.
Amos Otis, Esq.,

Dear Sir, I am making an effort to collect full genealogical and other information in relation to the Newcomb family, and being informed that some of that name were among the early settlers of Barnstable county, I feel a great interest in obtaining all the facts possible in relation to them and their descendants. I am informed that the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth were the first that were organized in Barnstable Co., and that you were more familiar with their records and history, probably, than any other man living.

My gt. gt. gr. father's name was Simon (perhaps Simeon) Newcomb; from the record of his death, I find that he was b. in 1666; he settled at an early day in Lebanon, Conn., somewhere between 1700 and 1714. He had quite a family (9 chil. mentioned in his will) but I am not able to learn where either he or his family were born or dates;—probably his first son John was b. about 1688, then followed Thomas, Hezekiah, Obadiah, Benjamin, &c. I have a tradition that these chil.

were early presented to the Lord in baptism by their parents: if these chil. were baptized it seems to me that a record of it might be found.

I am informed that Lebanon, Ct., was settled by people from the towns on the Connecticut river and from Massachusetts. I am inclined to think that my ancestor came from Mass., and perhaps from Barnstable Co. The only reason that I suppose that such may have been the case is the fact that the name Simon was quite a common name among the people of your county, while among the descendants of Francis Newcomb, or at least of his sons John and Peter, I do not find the name of Simon.

I am informed that Pratt in his History of Wellfleet, Eastham and Orleans says: "Thomas Newcomb, the son of Simeon Newcomb, who was the first of this name, married Elizabeth Cook, 1693, and had 3 sons, Edward, Thomas and Simeon, settled in the north part of the town" (now Wellfleet). I wish I could learn what authority Mr. Pratt has in relation to "the first of the name." We may infer that this Thomas was b. about 1670, and it has occurred that he may have been a brother of my ancestor Simon before named. The only thing which makes this plausible is in the similarity of names. Suppose this Simeon was the "first of the name," where do you think I would be most likely

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to find a record of the birth of his children? or of their baptism? The name Newcomb appears to be spelled variously on the old records— Newcom, Newcum, Nucom, &c.

I shall be very grateful for any items you may furnish me.

Sincerely hoping that I am not trespassing too much on your time to receive the favor of a reply, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

I am, Yours, truly,

John B. Newcomb.

P. S. My mother's name was Molly Bearss (or Bearse) and she was a descendant of Austin Bearse who settled in your vicinity about 1638. I am informed that her gr. father Josiah Bearse came from Cape Cod and settled in Conn. when his son Thomas was about 10 years old. Thomas had other brothers, Joseph and Benjamin. I have no dates in relation to these persons but am inclined to think that this Josiah was the son of Joseph and gr. son of Austin. Joseph was born in Barnstable Jan. 25, 1652, and his son Josiah March 10, 1690, bap. April 10, 1691. I wish I could learn who Josiah married and whether he had sons Thomas, &c. and their births. Their b. could not have taken place earlier than 1712.

N.

JOHN A. VINTON.

Samson or Sampson.— Cornelius, Wealthy Kingston Merchant, Married Desire Crocker of Barnstable.—Zerrubabel, son of Rev. Josiah Marshall?

South Boston, April 8, 1863.
Amos Otis, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have now in press a volume of similar character to that described in the accompanying circular. It will contain genealogies of several Old Colony Families, and among them that of Samson, or Sampson. Some of this family, I find, strayed off into Barnstable, and perhaps to other towns in Barnstable Co.

Cornelius Sampson, a wealthy merchant of Kingston, m. 1747, Desire Crocker of Barnstable, and their son Josiah settled there and d. July 14, 1829. There were probably others. Indeed, James Samson was of Dartmouth 1686. Whether any of his family went Capeward, I know not.

If you have any knowledge of Samsons, and will impart the same to me, I shall esteem it a favor to be acknowledged.

Do you possess any information respecting Rev. Josiah Marshall who was minister of Falmouth from 1724 to 1730? He was, I suppose, an ancestor of mine, at least if he had a son Zerubabel, who was of Boston and had a

child born 1754. I wish to give some account of him and of his progenitors and descendants, for which I have ample materials except that I desire more information than I possess respecting him and Zerubbabel. I should feel extremely obliged to anyone who could show that he had such a son. I have written to Falmouth, but there is nothing on record there. I also wrote to Rev. Frederick Freeman of Sandwich but have received no reply. Did Rev. Josiah Marshall have none than one wife, Hannah Hatch? Did they have more than one child, Mary b. Dec. 4. 1727? An early reply would oblige

Yours respectfully

John A. Vinton.

JOHN R. BRODHEAD.

Sketch of the Clinton Family.—

Charles, the Father of DeWitt Clinton.— Sailed From Dublin in 1729.

New York, 16 April 1863.
Amos Otis, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have just received the letter which, at the suggestion of Mr. Palfry and Mr. Thornton of Boston, you addressed to me on the 11th instant.

The only information I have at hand in regard to the subject of your inquiry is in the sketch of

the Clinton family, prefixed to the "Life and Writings of DeWitt Clinton" by William W. Campbell, published in 1849, by Baker & Scribner, New York. As you may not have the volume to consult, I have cheerfully taken the trouble to make the following extract for you.

"Charles Clinton, the grandfather of DeWitt Clinton, was born in the County of Longford in Ireland, in 1690. In 1729 he determined to emigrate to America. Being a man of influence, he prevailed upon a large number of his neighbors and friends to remove with him. He sailed from Dublin in a vessel called the George and Ann, in May 1729; and, by a receipt preserved among his papers, it seems that he paid for the passages of ninety-four persons.

They were unfortunate in the selection of a vessel. The captain was a violent and unprincipled villain. They were poorly supplied with stores, and the voyage proving long, they suffered from disease and famine. A large number of passengers died, including a son and daughter of Mr Clinton. They were finally landed upon the coast of Massachusetts. The captain refused to go to New York or to Pennsylvania, though the latter was his original place of destination. Charles Clinton remained in Massachusetts until 1731, when he removed to the Province of New York and settled at a place called Little

Britain, in a region designated as the precincts of the Highlands, afterwards a part of Ulster, and now a part of Orange County."

Hoping that this extract may be satisfactory to you, I remain,

Very truly yours

John R. Brodhead.

JOSEPH J. DIMOCK.

The Dimocks.—Joseph Removed to Mansfield, Conn.—The Dimocks and Their Professions.

Hartford, Conn., March 26, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Through the kindness of Capt. Charles Dimock of Richmond, Va., I received for perusal a document prepared by you in 1853 giving some history of the Dimock family. I have taken the liberty of writing you at this time to obtain additional information if possible, and anything that you can give me will be gratefully received and reciprocated in any way possible. You say in conclusion—"I have some mems of the Dimock family, beside the above, but I cannot at the present moment put my finger upon them." Hoping that you have since found them induces me to write.

All that is known hereabout of the Dimock family is this. It is said that two brothers of the name of Dimmock came over from England or Wales about 1623.

The name of one brother was Joseph. The other not known but perhaps Thomas. Joseph settled first in Barnstable, later in life he removed to Mansfield, Ct., leaving three sons at Barnstable; subsequently some of them or their children followed him to Mansfield. Among the sons left in Barnstable was Shubael, who had but one son Samuel (I think from your transcript that this Shubael was the son of Shubael and he a son of Joseph). This Samuel was born May 1701 or 1702. He married Hannah Davis, lived many years at Saybrook, Ct., but both he and his wife returned to Barnstable and died there 1776. Of his children Samuel Jr. died at Albany 1755. Shubael Dimock went from Mansfield before the Revolution (we think to Nova Scotia, where he settled). Daniel Dimock lived somewhere in Eastern Connecticut. Joseph Dimock, my great-grandfather, lived in Wethersfield, Ct., for many years. He was born (at Wethersfield?) 1736, and died 1825 at one of his daughters at Granville, N. Y., age 89. His son Joseph lived at Wethersfield, Ct., was a sea captain, born at Wethersfield May 1769, drowned at Bermuda March 1819. He had three sons who lived to become men—two sea captains, Moses and William Davis, both lost at sea. My father, Joseph Warner Dimock, born at Wethersfield March 15, 1801, is now living in this city. I am his oldest son, Joseph J. Dim-

ock, and I have one son, Joseph D. W. Dimock, so you see we stick to the family name of Joseph.

David Dimock, the youngest son of Samuel Dimock and probably his youngest child, born 1745, lived at Montrose, Pa., for some years and died there in 1832. He left two sons Asa and Davis. Davis was born at Wethersfield 1776 and is now living among his numerous descendants in Montrose, Pa. He is a Baptist clergyman of some celebrity and says he has baptized about two thousand persons and preached 8000 sermons. He has preached, practised medicine and been acting county judge for many years. Among his children and nephews are Davis Dimock, who died in 1842, M. C. from Penn., Asa G. Dimock, lawyer of Millersbury, Ohio, John H. Dimock, lawyer and editor, Muscoday, Wis, Doct Gordon Z. Dimock of Montrose, Pa., Dan Dimock, a lawyer, for many years member of Penn. Legislature. Oliver H. Dimock, associate judge and member of House of Reps., and Milo M. Dimock, member of Congress, 1852, lawyer by profession.

There are other branches of this family who moved into state of New York from Pa. The early history of the family is somewhat cloudy and I wish if possible to get a correct idea. Any information I can get I shall transmit to your friend, Capt. Chas. Dimock,

to whom I am indebted for much information already. If I can in any way be of service to you in Conn. please inform me,

Jos. J. Dimock,
Assistant Secretary State.

HENRY BAKER.

John Baker Came to America 1672 and Settled and Died in Barnstable.—John, 3d, Was Born in Barnstable and Died in Scotland, 1815.

Livingston, 28th Oct. 1846.
To the Editor of the Yarmouth Register,
Dear Sir,

On the 3d inst. I saw in the New York Spectator an article from your Register, prefaced by some remarks from the Salem Register, being an account of Lord, on Colo. Townley's Estate—together with the heirs to the estate in this country &c. You speak of the Chases being lineal descendants, yet many other families will come in, those of the Bakers and others. You also call attention to the examination of family records &c., and inasmuch as the Bakers are mentioned (and this being my name) and my ancestors having formerly resided in Barnstable, I



have been induced to make inquiry, and have collected the following facts from the old family records, now in the possession of our aged relatives still residing in Windham Co., Conn., one of which is an aunt on my father's side who was born in Feby. 1746, consequently should she live to see Feby. 1847, will be 101 years old; still retaining her faculties, and interesting, relating occurrences minutely 97 years back. But to the records of our ancestors—

Our great great grandfather, John Baker, came to this country from England, in the year A. D. 1672 and settled in Barnstable, Mass. It is believed that his wife's maiden name was Robinson. Both died in Barnstable. Our great grandfather, John Baker, Jr., came to this country with his father in 1672, settled in Barnstable, where the names of his children are all recorded. He was deacon of the West church in Barnstable. Subsequently moved to Scotland, Windham Co., Conn., and died there Jan. 27, 1763, aged 91. His wife died in Barnstable; her maiden name was Anabal.

Our grandfather, John Baker, 3d, was born in Barnstable A. D. 1716; died in Scotland Feby. 25, 1815, aged 99. His wife's maiden name

is believed to have been Goodspeed. She died in Scotland 22 March, 1814, aged 89.

Such are the facts concerning the family of Bakers to which I belong. And should the lineal descent from Lord Townley be such as to entitle us to a share of his fortune, which it is expected is soon to be divided (judging from your article) it would be very pleasing—of this you may have the means of knowing, from the old records you may have examined, with other information you may possess of the Bakers which you say "Many of them may come in for a share." You say in your article, "In the course of a few weeks we hope to be able to publish from original documents a full and particular account of the whole matter." If you have, or should publish this account, you would confer on me and others, a very great favor by sending to my address your paper containing the account, for which I will endeavor to remunerate you. Also if you would condescend to visit me, after examination of whatever you may have access to, with respect to our family's coming in, you would confer a lasting favor, for which our warmest gratitude would be due. By having a copy of your paper I could see your terms, as I think it would be interesting. Please address

Henry Baker, Livingston, Columbia County, N. Y.

Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

Henry Baker.

WILLIAM S. RUSSELL.

Remains of Iyanough, The Sachim
of Mattachiest.

Plymouth, July 4, 1861.

Amos Otis, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Soon after you left, I met Dr. Gordon, and examined the box, and had some conference with him respecting the best manner of disposing the remains it contained. I met him again today and he seems to think it might be best to have the bones placed in a tin or zinc box by themselves, and the kettle &c. separate.* This would enable visitors who are squeamish to examine all but the skeleton and that too if they desire to. This arrangement seemed to me a good one. I shall probably visit Boston Saturday and intend to see how such matters are done there. I presume we shall arrange this affair in all next week. I have copied from Young's Chronicles what it may be desirable to incor-

porate in your account, and you will of course use it if desirable or any part thereof. This I have done because I think your own book is mislaid from whence the extract was taken. Your visit was a source of much gratification to myself and family, and I trust will be repeated in due time. I remain Truly Yours

Wm. S. Russell.

*To be placed in a case some 5 feet long.

"Concerning those other people, that intended to join with the Massacheuseuks against us, though we never went against any of them; yet this sudden and unexpected execution, together with the just judgment of God upon their guilty consciences, hath so terrified and amazed them, as in like manner they forsook their houses, running to and fro like men distracted, living in swamps and other desert places, and so brought manifold diseases amongst themselves, whereof very many are dead; as Canacum, the sachim of Manomet, Aspinet, the sachim of Nauset, and Ianough, sachim of Mattachiest. This sachim in his life, in the midst of these distractions, said the God of the English was offended with them, and would destroy them in his anger; and certainly it is strange to hear how many of late have, and still daily die amongst them." Chap. xxi. 1623, Mar. Winslow's relation in Young's Chronicles, page 345.

ASA W. ARMINGTON.

Robert Fuller of Barnstable One of the Original Men?—Father of Samuel of Rehoboth, who Married Dorothy Willmath in 1701.

Providence, June 22, 1857.

Amos Otis, Esqr.

Yarmouth Port,

My Dear Sir,

. . . . I wish you again to examine and if the Ann or Aune Fuller on the paper No. 2 enclosed in this is now to be found on sd. books. If so, who was her husband; if Robert, where was he from? Was he an Original Man like the Doct Samuel of Plymouth, the Doct Matthew and the Samuel son of Edward (the nephew of Doct Samuel). In the paper No. 3 you will find a Robert who I suspect was not the one I am looking for. He too had a wife Ann or Anne, but you will observe that she died in Dedham and he had another wife Sarah who died 1680.

Now in the first book of Records of Rehoboth there are a number of Fullers, the first settlers; whether brothers or other relatives, as Jonathan, Daniel, David, Benjamin and Samuel.

This is the one I wish to know of. He married Dorothy Willmath in 1701. From him descended my wife and from him to my wife the Rehoboth records are clear and plain.

Now, according to the information of my wife's father this Samuel was his grandfather and Samuel's father was named Robert. And now if you can find out who this Robert was I shall be much gratified and pay you for your trouble if when you write me you will please to name the sum. I can send the same in postage stamps. Although necessity obliges me to work, yet I cannot do so for nothing and am willing to remunerate for this service which I now ask of you.

If there be any aged and intelligent man or men of the name of Fuller in your vicinity who you think may give any information on the subject send me the address and I will write to him or them, and when you write me please send the two enclosed papers.

More than forty years have now elapsed since the father of my wife gave me the little information respecting his family and I think he told me Robert was from Barnstable and either that his father or some near relative was a doctor.

I am Sir Respectfully

Your Humble Servant

Asa Watson Armington.

